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October 25, 2007

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ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). Members are advised there are 2 minutes remaining on this vote.

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Mr. REYNOLDS and Mr. BOEHNER changed their vote from "aye" to "no." Mr. ELLISON and Mr. PATRICK J. MURPHY of Pennsylvania changed their vote from "no" to "aye."

So the motion to table was agreed to. The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

Stated for:

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 1004, I was not present because I was helping my constituents cope with the fire crisis in San Diego, CA.

Had I been present. I would have voted "aye."

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Mr. CAMPBELL of California. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion to adjourn.

The question was taken: and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the noes appeared to have it.

RECORDED VOTE

Mr. CAMPBELL of California. Mr. Speaker, I demand a recorded vote.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 165, noes 224, not voting 43, as follows:

[Roll No. 1005]

AYES-165

Carter Aderholt Gilchrest Akin Castle Gingrey Alexander Chabot Goodlatte Bachmann Coble Gordon Cole (OK) Bachus Graves Hall (TX) Baker Conaway Barrett (SC) Crenshaw Hastings (WA) Bartlett (MD) Culberson Heller Davis, David Hensarling Barton (TX) Biggert Deal (GA) Herger Bilirakis Dent Hobson Bishop (UT) Diaz-Balart, L. Hoekstra. Blackburn Diaz-Balart, M. Hulshof Boehner Doolittle Inglis (SC) Bonner Drake Jordan Bono Duncan Kanjorski Ehlers Boozman Keller King (IA) Boustany Emerson Brady (TX) English (PA) King (NY) Broun (GA) Brown-Waite, Everett Kingston Fallin Kirk Kline (MN) Ginny Feeney Knollenberg Kuhl (NY) Buchanan Ferguson Burgess Forbes Burton (IN) Fortenberry LaHood Camp (MI) Foxx Franks (AZ) Lamborn Campbell (CA) Latham LaTourette Cannon Frelinghuvsen Cantor Garrett (NJ) Lewis (KY) Capito Gerlach Linder

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NOES-224

Abercrombie Fossella Ackerman Frank (MA) Allen Giffords Gillibrand Altmire Andrews Gonzalez Arcuri Goode Baca Green, Al Baldwin Green, Gene Barrow Grijalva Bean Gutierrez Becerra. Hall (NY) Berkley Hare Berman Harman Hastings (FL) Berry Bishop (GA) Herseth Sandlin Bishop (NY) Higgins Blumenauer Hill. Hinchey Boswell Boucher Hinojosa Boyd (FL) Hirono Boyda (KS) Hodes Brady (PA) Holden Braley (IA) Holt Brown (SC) Honda Brown, Corrine Hooley Butterfield Hoyer Capps Inslee Capuano Israel Jackson (IL) Cardoza Carnahan Jackson-Lee Carney (TX) Castor Jefferson Johnson (GA) Chandler Johnson (IL) Clarke Clay Jones (NC) Cleaver Jones (OH) Clyburn Kagen Cohen Kaptur Conyers Kennedy Kildee Cooper Kilpatrick Costa Costello Kind Klein (FL) Courtney Cramer Kucinich Crowley Lampson Cuellar Langevin Cummings Lantos Larsen (WA) Davis (AL) Davis (IL) Larson (CT) Davis, Lincoln Lee Levin Davis, Tom DeFazio Lewis (GA) DeGette Lipinski Delahunt LoBiondo DeLauro Loebsack Lofgren, Zoe Dicks Dingell Lowey Doggett Lynch Mahoney (FL) Donnelly Doyle Markey Edwards Matheson Ellison Matsui Ellsworth McCarthy (NY) McCotter Engel Eshoo McDermott Etheridge McGovern Farr McIntvre Fattah McNerney

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NOT VOTING-43

Baird Gohmert Napolitano Bilbray Granger Rangel Blunt Hastert Renzi Boren Haves Reyes Buyer Hunter Sarbanes Calvert Issa. Shavs Jindal Shea-Porter Carson Cubin Johnson, E. B. Tancredo Davis (CA) Johnson, Sam Waxman Davis (KY) Lewis (CA) Weldon (FL) Maloney (NY) Wilson (OH) Emanuel Marshall McCollum (MN) Yarmuth Filner Young (AK) Meek (FL) Gallegly Moran (VA)

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Ms. KAPTUR changed her vote from "aye" to "no."

So the motion to adjourn was rejected.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

Stated against:

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 1005, I was not present because I was helping my constituents cope with the fire crisis in San Diego, CA. Had I been present, I would have voted "no."

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 3963, CHILDREN'S HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2007

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. HOLDEN). The gentlewoman from New York is recognized for 1 hour.

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, for the purpose of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. Sessions). All time yielded during consideration of the rule is for debate only.

GENERAL LEAVE

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on H. Res. 774, and to insert extraneous materials into the RECORD.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from New York?

There was no objection.

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, H. Res. 774 provides a closed rule for consideration of H.R. 3963, the Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2007. The rule provides 1 hour of debate equally divided among and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce and the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means.

Mr. Speaker, I stand before you on the floor this afternoon with mixed emotions. I along with a majority of Members of the House are disappointed that we have to reintroduce a bill, passed by enormous bipartisan support, which would have provided millions of children across the Nation with access to health care.

The memory of what took place here on the House floor a week ago today will not soon be forgotten. On that day, we saw a few Members stand in lockstep with the President and with that deny health care coverage for millions of our children.

However, coupled with my disappointment, Mr. Speaker, is the consuming feeling of promise. I have hope for those children, along with a belief that those Members who were unable to break away from the President's mistaken rhetoric will stand for what is right today and vote to overwhelmingly pass this vital legislation.

I feel strongly that what motivated me and so many of my colleagues to come to Washington in the first place was the thought that on any day a vote could be held that would improve the lives of millions of people throughout our country. And that is exactly the chance that we have been given here today.

We are again granted the chance to vote for a bill that will advance medical care in this country, improve the health of our youngest and neediest citizens, and offer new hope for literally millions of children who would otherwise be left without either.

I think everyone listening today recognizes the reality of the situation we face. Should we not act, the health care of millions of children will be yanked away on November 16. Not providing health care to millions of children when given the opportunity to do so is appalling, but to strip away benefits from those who currently have them is simply indefensible.

Mr. Speaker, in our vote to expand SCHIP last month, we made a genuine dent in one of the most shameful inadequacies of our health care system: the lack of coverage for millions of America's children.

Congress created the State Child Health Insurance Program in 1997 with broad bipartisan support, including some of my colleagues who now oppose it. As a result, over 6 million children currently have health care coverage that otherwise would not. In my home State of New York, over 400,000 children are enrolled, the second highest in the Nation.

The SCHIP reauthorization bill would preserve access to health care for 6 million children already enrolled in the program, while bringing desperately needed health care coverage to almost 4 million more children. As a result, in my home State of New York, an additional 268,000 children who need it will have health care coverage. That means they will be able to get their immunizations before starting school, or see the dentist when they have a toothache.

This new bill also makes changes by phasing out childless adults after 1

year, and also puts in a cap on children whose parents' income are over 300 percent above the poverty level. The bill also requires States to develop plans and implement recommended best practices for addressing crowd-out.

Make no mistake, 43 Governors from red States and blue, 69 Members of the United States Senate, Democrats and Republicans, 273 of my colleagues from both sides of the aisle in the House, and 81 percent of the American public, including a large majority of Republicans, support our bipartisan expansion of SCHIP.

Yet, presented with this overwhelming support from all sides, the President decided to dust off his veto pen and with it deny millions of children access to health care. In spite of the unquestionable benefits and in spite of the overwhelming popularity and accomplishments of this program, SCHIP is under attack.

We saw reprehensible smear attacks on families who were brought into the public eye to showcase the benefits of the program. In the face of the life-saving chance that was bestowed on the family due to this program, the harshest rhetoric was not cast against the bill, but against this family, including the children.

We saw persons go to the home of one of the families and harass them in public, talk radio and blogs made wild and audacious accusations, and we even saw staffers on Capitol Hill who clearly intended to assist this fabricated, coldhearted smear campaign.

It is simply beyond comprehension to me that many are willing to score political points by denigrating our Nation's children, particularly those who owe their very lives to this program.

But the American people saw through the attacks. They understood that the health of our Nation's children is simply not worth scoring a few political points.

Mr. Speaker, the President chastises the \$35 billion bill, which is fully paid for, as "too expensive." And with the same breath, he seeks an additional \$190 billion for the Iraq war, all of which is at the expense of the tax-payer.

This is simply unconscionable when you realize the amount of money it takes to provide the health care for 10 million children for an entire year is what we spend in Iraq in just 41 days. We need to get our priorities straight.

I am enormously proud of the accomplishments we have done this year, from education to health care, but nothing means more to us than SCHIP. The American people expect us to tackle this health challenge before us. Last week we fell short of overturning the veto by just 13 votes. To those Members who know that providing health care to vulnerable children is the right thing to do, I say to you: Join with Democrats and Republicans and with the American people in passing the bill today.